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Nomination of members of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute

Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

1. The attention of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice is drawn to a matter concerning the composition of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI) requiring action on the part of the Commission and the Economic and Social Council. The terms of four members of the Board, namely Eduardo Fungairiño (Spain), Pedro David (Argentina), Stuart Page (Australia) and Alexander Zmeyevskiy (Russian Federation), have expired. Eduardo Fungairiño, Stuart Page and Alexander Zmeyevskiy are at the end of their first terms, while Pedro David is at the end of his second term.

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2. According to the article IV of the statute of the Institute (Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/56, annex):

> "2 The Board shall be composed of the following:
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> "(a) Seven members selected by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control[1] upon nomination by the Secretary-General and endorsed by the Economic and Social Council, with due regard to the fact that the Institute and its work are funded from voluntary contributions and to the principle of equitable geographic distribution. The members shall be chosen from among eminent persons who possess the necessary qualifications and expertise. They shall serve in their individual capacity for a term of five years from the date of the first Board meeting in which they are invited to participate. They shall be eligible for reappointment by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control with endorsement of the Economic and Social Council for not more than one additional term."

3. The following three candidates are proposed for selection by the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice: Carlos Castresana (Spain), Mohammed Hanzab (Qatar) and Joel Antonio Hernández García (Mexico). Stuart Page has offered to serve a second term and is proposed for re-election.

4. The principle of equitable geographical distribution is taken into account in the composition of the Board. The current Board of Trustees of UNICRI is composed of:

Pedro David (Argentina)

Eduardo Fungairiño (Spain)

Taous Feroukhi (Algeria)

Jayantilal Karia (Uganda)

Stuart Page (Australia)

Elizabeth Verville (United States of America)

Alexander Zmeyevskiy (Russian Federation)

5. Background information on the three proposed candidates is provided in the annex to the present document. More detailed background information on those candidates is available from the secretariat.

[1] Following the adoption of Economic and Social Council Resolution 1992/1, the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control is to be read as the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.

Annex

Background information on candidates nominated to fill a position on the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute

Carlos Castresana (Spain)

1. Carlos Castresana is currently a public prosecutor of the Supreme Court of Spain (appointed by royal decree in 2005), in the Criminal Affairs Section. He previously served as a special prosecutor of the Supreme Court Office against Corruption from 1995 to 2005. Before that, from 1993 to 1995, he served in the Special Prosecution Office against Drug Traffic.

2. Since 2003, he has intermittently worked as a consultant for the United Nations, serving at various project meetings as an expert appointed by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the Department of Political Affairs of the Secretariat. In 2006, he was appointed by UNODC as a coordinator of the project concerning crime prevention and abuse and illegal use of drugs. He was appointed by the World Bank in 2006 as an expert for an anti-corruption workshop which took place in the United Arab Emirates, as well as by the International Commission of Jurists in 2005 for a mission to Colombia.

3. In 2007, he was appointed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations as Commissioner of the International Commission against Impunity in Guatemala, at the level of Assistant-Secretary-General of the United Nations for a two-year term. In 2009, he was reappointed by the Secretary-General for two more years. He served for one year before resigning to return to serve on the Supreme Court of Spain.

Mohammed Hanzab (Qatar)

1. Mohammed Hanzab is currently the President of the International Centre for Sport Security, a member of the Sorbonne Steering Committee on Sport Integrity and President of the Qatar International Academy for Security Studies.

2. Between 1997 and 2001, he designed and coordinated the Gulf Cooperation Council project on command and control regarding joint security operations, including the coordination of major air operations in the region, based on relevant Security Council resolutions.

3. His career in the military includes serving as Lieutenant Colonel in the Qatar Armed Forces and as Commander of the Qatar Air Defence School, as well as working at the Qatar Air Defence Project and the Qatar Information Agency.

Joel Antonio Hernández García (Mexico)

1. Joel Antonio Hernández García is currently the Chair of the Commission of Personnel of the Mexican Foreign Service. Prior to this, he served as the Permanent Representative of Mexico to the Organization of American States

from 2011 to 2013. From 2005 until 2011, he was the Legal Adviser of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico. He served as the Director-General for United Nations Affairs in 2005 and as Deputy Legal Adviser from 2002 to 2005 for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico. Prior to this, he was the alternate representative of Mexico to the United Nations (Vienna) from 1999 to 2001. From 1995 to 1999, he served as Deputy Consul General of Mexico in New York. Before that, he held the position of Director for United Nations Political and Disarmament Affairs for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico from 1992 until 1995.

2. He also served as the agent of Mexico in the request for interpretation of the judgment of the International Court of Justice of 31 March 2004, and was co-agent in the case of *Jorge Castañeda Gutman v. Mexico* before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. He also served as head of the inter-agency committee of the Government of Mexico in charge of preparing the submission of data on the extended continental shelf in the Gulf of Mexico before the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf.

3. He served as a member of the delegation of Mexico to the negotiation of the following: Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (1992-1994); United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the three protocols thereto (Vienna, 1999-2000); United Nations Convention against Corruption (Vienna, 2002-2003); and fisheries agreement between the Government of Mexico and the Government of France (head of delegation, 2007).

4. He was appointed Chair of the consistency group (drafting committee) of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of a Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (2000) and Chair of the consistency group (drafting committee) of the Ad Hoc Committee for the Negotiation of a Convention against Corruption (2003). He was also member of the group of experts in charge of the elaboration of the legislative guides for the implementation of the Organized Crime Convention and the Protocols thereto (2004). After this, he became a member of the group of experts in charge of the elaboration of the legislative guide for the implementation of the Convention against Corruption (2007), as well as, from February to August 2008, a member of the group of governmental experts on a legally binding instrument on arms trade established by the General Assembly in its resolution 61/89.